



N A R U C
National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners

**NOTICE OF WRITTEN EX PARTE PRESENTATION (47 C.F.R. § 1.1206)
VIA ECFS**

January 28, 2010

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, NW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: *In the Matter(s) of a National Broadband Plan for Our Future, GN Docket No. 09-51, International Comparison and Consumer Survey Requirements in the Broadband Data Improvement Act, GN Docket No. 09-47, Inquiry Concerning the Deployment of Advanced Telecommunications Capability to All Americans in a Reasonable and Timely Fashion, and Possible Steps to Accelerate Such Deployment Pursuant to Section 706 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, as Amended by the Broadband Data Improvement Act, GN Docket No. 09-137.*

NBP Notice # 19, Comment Sought on the Role of the Universal Service Fund and Intercarrier Compensation in the National Broadband Plan

Dear Ms. Dortch:

The National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners submits this written ex parte to the Commission in response to requests for information on the current scope of State universal service and deployment initiatives. We are currently attempting a cursory survey of our members on related issues we hope to file soon. In the interim, we are providing for the record in this proceeding, the following documents:

[1] Bernt, Phyllis, Bluhm, Peter, and Liu, Jing, *State High Cost Funds: Purposes, Design, and Evaluation* (National Regulatory Research Institute 10-04 January 19, 2010).

[2] Liu, Jing, and Rosenberg, Edwin, *State Universal Service Funding Mechanisms: Results of the NRRI's 2005-2006 Survey* (National Regulatory Research Institute 06-09 - July 2006), also available online at: <http://nrri.org/pubs/telecommunications/06-09.pdf>

[3]: Rosenberg, Edwin, and Wilhelm, John D., *STATE UNIVERSAL SERVICE FUNDING AND POLICY: AN OVERVIEW AND SURVEY* (National Regulatory Research Institute 90-20 - July 2006 <http://nrri.org/pubs/telecommunications/98-20.pdf>)

In terms of State broadband adoption programs, the 2006 NRRI survey has some anecdotal

information as does a more recent compilation by other organizations (APT/CWA) from June of 2009 available at: http://www.apt.org/publications/reports-studies/state_broadband_initiatives.pdf

NARUC has not specifically endorsed the results of these surveys. The NRRI results are likely accurate as of the dates the data was collected.

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/

James Bradford Ramsay

General Counsel
National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners
1101 Vermont Avenue, N.W. Suite 200
Washington, D.C. 20005

cc: Blair Levin, Chief, Omnibus Broadband Initiative
Carol Matthey, Senior Policy Advisor, Omnibus Broadband Initiative